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5. I have been informed that the House Committee on Government Operations has added the Atomic Energy Commission to the jurisdiction of its Military Operations Subcommittee for purposes of studying specific faults in organization, procurement, etc., and that the Committee had also considered the possibility of adding CIA to its jurisdiction but had determined not to do so. My source, a subcommittee staff member, (reliability unknown) stated in effect that the jurisdiction of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy was virtually that of any Congressional Committee handling substantive legislation for an agency, and therefore did not transcend the jurisdiction of the Government Operations Committee, or in fact any other appropriate committee to investigate matters in this field. It is felt that security considerations prompted the Committee not to include CIA within its jurisdiction at this time. The staff member pointed out that substantive committees historically were easier on the agencies for which they were responsible, and that therefore independent investigations were beneficial from the standpoint of the Congress. However, it should be noted that in all probability any Hoover Commission report in the intelligence field will be referred to the Military Operations Subcommittee for implementation.

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